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Dear DCBS Adoptive Parents:

Kentucky will celebrate the enormous contributions of our adoptive parents during the month of November with a special state observance in conjunction with National Adoption Awareness Month.

As part of Kentucky's focus on public adoption, I want to extend an invitation to all DCBS resource parents who have adopted a DCBS child to be our honored guests at a reception in Frankfort on Thursday, November 3rd.

The statewide Adoptive Parent Appreciation Reception will be held at the Frankfort Country Club, 101 Duntreath, from 6-8 p.m. During the reception we will present the Forever Families Appreciation Award to an adoptive family in each of the Cabinet's 16 DCBS service regions.

During Adoption Awareness Month, the Cabinet will work to promote public adoption and the ongoing need for adoptive families for Kentucky's waiting children. We will also pay tribute to families, like yours, who have already made the commitment to provide our children with a permanent, loving home.

So many lives have been changed for the better, so many families expanded and enriched as a result of your hard work, sacrifice and selfless desire to open your heart and home to an adoptive child. Your devotion to, and care, concern and love for your adopted children is an inspiration and cause for celebration.

I hope you will join us for what is certain to be a most enjoyable and uplifting event at the Adoptive Parent Appreciation Reception. This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the Commonwealth's appreciation for true Kentucky treasures, our forever families.

Sincerely,


James W. Holsinger Jr., M.D.
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